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SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PARTICPATES IN BUCKLE UP AMERICA AND KANSAS CLICKS

SEDGWICK COUNTY TEENAGERS AND YOUNG ADULTS WERE SURROUNDED WITH THE STRONG MESSAGE "BUCKLE UP; IF YOU WON'T BUCKLE UP TO SAVE YOUR LIFE, THEN BUCKLE UP TO SAVE YOURSELF A TICKET," AS THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT JOINED MORE THAN 12,000 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN A NATIONWIDE CRACK DOWN ON SEAT BELT VIOLATORS.

THE TWO-WEEK ENFORCEMENT WAVE, WHICH RAN MAY 19 THROUGH JUNE 1, 2003, WAS SUPPORTED BY THE KANSAS CLICKS GRANT THROUGH THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (KDOT).

THE TWO-WEEK CAMPAIGN RESULTED IN THE ARREST OF FIFTEEN MOTORISTS FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE. ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY SIX MOTORISTS WERE WRITTEN CITATIONS FOR NOT WEARING A SEAT BELT AND THIRTEEN WERE ISSUED CITATIONS FOR NO CHILD RESTRAINTS. ADDITIONALLY THREE-HUNDRED AND SIXTY SEVEN MOTORISTS WERE WRITTEN CITATIONS FOR SPEEDING.

A PRE AND POST SEAT BELT SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED AT TEN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY DURING THIS TIME. DURING THE PRE SURVEY WE FOUND THAT 65% OF DRIVERS SURVEYED WERE WEARING A SEAT BELT. DURING THE POST SURVEY WE FOUND THAT 71% WERE WEARING THEIR SEATBELT.

A SEAT BELT CHECK POINT WAS ALSO CONDUCTED ON MAY 28, 2003 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM, AT 21ST STREET NORTH JUST WEST OF 127TH STREET EAST. OVER 200 CARS WENT THROUGH THE CHECK POINT AND MOST DRIVERS WERE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SEAT BELT LAWS.

WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE TO **BUCKLE UP, DRIVE SAFELY AND NOT TO DRINK AND DRIVE!**

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